



## **BOARD MEETING, JULY 17, 2018**

**Participants.** Board members: Jon Adams, Phil Cox, Jessica Engelman, Chris Eykamp, Mark Linehan, Katie Mogensen, Kim Nurmi, David O'Bryant, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis. Other neighbors or visitors: Riley Arnold, Rachel Flores, Jaya Giita, Sam Hartman, Jim Kogle, Didi Ananda Ksnapriya, Jim & Carolyn MacMurray, Emily Platt, Carl Nurmi, Kirk Rea, Michael Wilson, Mariella Xiong

**Chris opened the meeting, requesting general concerns:** They included: 1. Is there a protocol for notifying the city of encampments. Portland Police Officer Yee gave some resources at the last HAND meeting that could be found in the minutes. It was agreed that this is an ongoing problem and the city might not have solutions or even an agreed-upon protocol yet. 2. What commercial organizations are in the neighborhood. The answer: Hawthorne Blvd. Business Association, Division-Clinton Business Association and the Central Eastside Industrial District/Council. 3. How can a person find out what houses are slated for demolition. It was suggested to call the Bureau of Development Services and ask to be connected with a person who can help. There may be new or changing rules for deconstruction. Also PortlandMaps.com might be a resource.

**New Day School's concerns about Avalon Park:** Didi Ananda Ksnapriya described an increase in the number of people camping there. This March was the worst the camping and campers' behavior has ever been. She said since HAND had been instrumental in creating the sanctuary and the school is requesting active participation in being responsible for the space, which is owned by Portland Bureau of Transportation. Campers have been climbing the fence into the school property, leaving syringes and human waste and sleeping items and compost so dangerous even glove-protected hands can't handle. Ksnapriya is seeking solutions, as they are at a loss, but she wanted to make clear that they have nothing against transient people. The school has

worked with New Seasons, City Repair, the church and police. Some solutions considered: erecting barbed-wire fence, security cameras, getting a permit for higher fence, connecting with neighbors bringing them together with city officials, develop alliance with REACH, extending the garden space, creating new policy changes for the benefit of the children.

Board member suggestions: Developing a unified call-in or an email alert system. Get people to talk with the city. Use NextDoor. Keep reports on individuals. More and better signage or visibility. Get the city to rezone 19th as a street. Extend the community garden, to attract more people into the area. Set up a public bathroom. The people who were very involved in Avalon Park are no longer on the board, but they would have meaningful input. City Repair folks were at the meeting and are willing to take partial responsibility. They are offering or holding monthly work parties at the site. The point person is kirk @[cityrepair.org](mailto:kirk@cityrepair.org). See if City Commissioner Dan Saltzman's office can point out the person at Parks who manages public open spaces that aren't parks. Maybe some advice or help could be found by contacting a group that has a community garden on private land. Chris will chase that.

**Consent Agenda** includes previous June 26th executive committee meeting notes and July treasurer's report. Sue has some alterations to the item was postponed until the next full board meeting.

Regarding the June 19 general meeting, Sue moved to accept the vote to approve the Susan g. Komen Walk Race for the Cure walk and the Portland Walkathon. HAND had been asked to approve those events, and voted to approve them. Sue moved to accept; Phil seconded the motion. Discussion: Some disapproval for the Susan g. Komen foundation. Buckman gave a conditional approval. The board had said yes, so the question was what would the effect of a no vote. Do we ratify the decision of the Rapid Response Committee? The vote was 9 in favor.

**Esplanade activities:** Parks approves the first three events, the neighborhoods have say in subsequent requests. Portland Thorns asked to do a run in September. Buckman had voted no, and if any neighborhood vetoes, the requested is refused and there is no appeal. Jill moved and Sue seconded that HAND have a vote on opposing the event. The vote was 9 in favor.

**Electric buses:** Environment Oregon is writing a letter discouraging further use/purchase of diesel buses in favor of electric buses. David moved,

Michael seconded that we sign on to Environment Oregon's letter. The vote: 10 in favor.

**Central City in Motion:** The question under much discussion was how HAND should weigh in on the proposed transportation plan. After seeing no consensus, Chris suggested maybe the board doesn't need to comment and proposed a three-points letter. They would be: consider the impact on neighborhoods east of SE 11th Avenue; point out the lack of focus on the 11/12/Gideon intersection; address the need for an intersection to break up traffic speed on 11th and 12th Avenues. David moved to accept; Mark seconded.

Sue moved to add a fourth point: that the whole CCIM plan should be slowed down. Kim seconded the motion. The friendly amendment passed, with David's approval. Jessica moved to add a amendment, that safety of all road users is more important than throughput or onstreet parking. Michael seconded the amendment. The vote: 6 in favor; 5 opposed. 1 abstaining. Vote for the five point letter from HAND was 10 in favor, 2 opposed.

**Portland United Against Hate:** David reported on a workshop he attended. The record shall state that Chris said it was a great report.

Chris adjourned the meeting.

Notes taken by Jim Kogle; submitted by Board secretary Jill Riebesehl

### **Executive Committee,**

**July 23, 2018**

Attendees: Jon Adams, Chris Eykamp, Claud Gilbert, Mark Linehan, Sue Pearce, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague

Chris opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Retreat: The focus of the informal board members gathering would be meeting mechanics and neighborhood participation. The purpose is for old and new board members to get know one another better or according to Jessica "on the human level." We will try for a location at the Rail Heritage

Center for a week day in either the first full week in August -- except Aug. 7, which is the ice cream social -- or the second full week of August. Food choice boiled down to pizzas from Scottie's or Virtuous Pie or byo.

Meetings: There won't be an August general board meeting. An executive committee meeting will be Aug. 28, to be organized and run by Mark.

Ice Cream Social: Aug. 7., Piccolo Park. Michelle has most of the details in hand but will need tables, the awning and some coolers, plus of course lots of help. She will send out via email specific requests and a sign-up sheet and duties. Best to get to the park's NE corner by, earliest 5 pm. The event is scheduled for 6 to 9 pm.

Movies in the Park: Aug. 10, Sewallcrest Park. The movie will be "Kudo and the Two Strings" and requires some tabling by us.

Central Eastside Industrial Council's Security Committee for the district's new Enhanced Service District: Michelle and Claud volunteered to represent HAND. Questions discussed were whether patrols would be armed and how they will interact with people who are homeless.

ONI name change: We discussed the ramifications of the City Council's approval of the enlarged scope of the bureau, now called the Office of Equity and Human Rights, no longer the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Mark is keeping an eye on this. (HAND emerita Linda Nettekoven sent to [handboardgooglegroups.com](http://handboardgooglegroups.com) on July 24 a succinct wrap-up of the pertinent City Council session.)

Portland's DOZA (Design Overlay Zone Amendments): CEIC is setting up a subcommittee to include CEIC, HAND, Buckman and Kerns neighborhoods to review the city's design review process. Sue will represent HAND; Jon will participate also.

Central City in Motion: At Claud's request, Chris outlined what the HAND board agreed to press in response to proposed traffic changes by PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation) in lower SE. Chris is drafting the letter. The five points: For each change, consider impacts on surrounding neighbors; slow the whole CCIM process down. In addition, our main concerns are the 11th/12th/Gideon railroad tracks area, control of traffic speed on the 11th/12th avenues and that safety for pedestrians and other non-motorized means of transportation be top priority.

We adjourned at 8:50.

Notes submitted by Jill Riebesehl